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Rapid River News!

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From L.R.B.O.I.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

(Cultural related items)

- **Ghost Supper.** There have been some questions by people wondering if there will be a community Ghost Supper this year. Although one was not initially planned, we have now set a date of **November 14th at 6 pm** to be held at the **Tribal Community Center**. The Historic Preservation office has a lot of buffalo (ribs, steaks, roast) that is available, but we are in need of volunteers to cook the meat (and other dishes). If you would like to volunteer to cook some of the buffalo meat, please contact Jay (x.6893), Terri (x.6891) or myself to make arrangements.

(General area items)

- **LRCR Open Board Meeting.** The next Board of Directors Open Session is scheduled for Friday, November 14th, in the Grand River Room of the Resort. The meeting begins at 4 p.m.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Election Declared!** The Tribal Election Board of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has declared a General Election for April 24th, 2009. Their announcement is attached at the end of the Rapid River News and is on the Website. Candidate packets will be available November 10th.
- **LRBOI Senior Day** November 21st, 10-4 at the Muskegon Office located at 1101 W. Hackley Ave. **Various Tribal and State Agencies will be available:** For more information call: Members Assistance or Family Services, Toll Free at 1.888.723.8288
- **Whistle Blower Protection Act. To All Employees of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little River Casino Resort, Muschigon Construction Company and Little River Trading Post.** On October 15th, 2008, Tribal council adopted, on an emergency basis, revisions to the Fair Employment Practices Code. The adopted revisions include a new Article XII, **"Whistle Blower Protection."** Under Article XII, an employee of any Tribal entity may report violations of the law either to his/her employer or directly to the Prosecutor. The Whistle Blower Protection Act protects employees who have reported violations from any form of discrimination in the work place. Please take a moment to review this new, important part of the Fair Employment Practices Code. It is posted both for public comment and under the "Ordinances" section of the Tribal Council website.

(Emergency Management items)

- **Tippy Dam.** Tribal EmOps personnel participated in a review of the Consumers Energy Tippy Dam emergency planning as part of the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Public Information Office, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.



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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
ELECTION BOARD**

**375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660
(231) 723-8288**

Announcement of General Election

Date of Election: April 24, 2009

Offices to be Elected: Office of Tribal Council – Nine County District (three seats)
Office of Tribal Council – Outlying District (one seat)
Office of Tribal Council – At-Large District (one seat)
Office of Election Board (three seats)
Office of Tribal Court Chief Judge (one seat)
Office of Appellate Court Judge (Licensed Attorney required: one seat)
Office of Appellate Court Judge (Tribal Elder required: one seat)

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy

For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Council – Nine County District, Outlying District and At-Large District – To run for the Office of Tribal Council in the Nine County District or the At-Large District, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

For Candidates for the Office of Election Board -- To run for the Election Board, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Court Chief Judge – To run for the Office of Tribal Court Chief Judge, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

For Candidates for the Office of Appellate Court Judge (Any Seat) -- To run for the Office of Tribal Appellate Court Judge, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

Election Calendar

Declaration of Candidacy Packets available.....	November 10
Declaration of Candidacy Packets due.....	December 5
Slate of Candidates certified.....	December 12
Last day to withdraw candidacy.....	December 19
Ballots mailed out for Primary.....	January 12
Ballots due and Primary Election Day.....	February 13
Deadline for Primary Election Challenges.....	February 20
Ballots mailed.....	March 27
Ballots due and Election Day.....	April 24
Deadline for petitions for recount.....	April 29
Deadline for election challenges.....	May 1



The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must have a residential address on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The ballot counting will be held at the Little River Community Center on U.S. 31 in Manistee, MI. Ballot counting process begins at 12:00 pm.

The General Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot and a central polling place. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must have a residential address on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The central polling place will be located at the Little River Community Center on U.S. 31 in Manistee, MI. The hours for the polling place will be 10 am until 6 pm on April 24, 2009.

A copy of the Election Board Office Hours from November 10, 2008 through December 5, 2008 has been included in this mailing. Please note any changes from the times published in the Little River Currents.